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SUBJ: SCHMIDT AND THORN DISCUSS EC TIES WITH SPAIN AND GREECE

AFTER THE CHANCELLOR'S MAY 14-15 VISIT TO LUXEMBOURG, MFA SECRETARY GENERAL TOLD DCM THAT SCHMIDT AND THORN AGREED ON HOW TO APPROACH FUTURE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE EC AND BOTH ATHENS AND MADRID. DESPITE FRENCH PRESSURE TO REINFORCE TIES BETWEEN THE EC AND THE TWO COUNTRIES, SCHMIDT AND THORN BELIEVE THAT BOTH GREECE AND SPAIN POSE PROBLEMS FOR THE EC. GREECE SHOULD NOT BE GIVEN THE IMPRESSION THAT TIES TO THE EC WILL COME AS LINKS TO NATO ARE RELAXED. IN ADDITION, THE GREEK ECONOMY IS CONSIDERABLY WEAKER AND
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DIFFERENTLY STRUCTURED FROM THAT OF THE NINE, WHICH WOULD

MAKE INTEGRATION DIFFICULT. GREEK MEMBERSHIP WOULD LEAD TO
A TURKISH APPLICATION, WHICH THE NINE COULD NOT REFUSE WITHOUT
GIVING OFFENSE TO A KEY NATO PARTNER. THE REASONS FOR RELUCTANCE
AT THE PROSPECT OF CLOSER SPANISH TIES TO THE EC ARE POLITICAL
AS WELL AS ECONOMIC. THE NORTHERN EUROPEAN EC GOVERNMENTS
COULD NOT ALL SURVIVE UNDER DOMESTIC ATTACKS RESULTING
FROM SPANISH MEMBERSHIP IN THE EC. ALTHOUGH FRANCE
MAY BE TRYING TO "LATINIZE" THE EC IN ORDER TO INCREASE
PARIS' INFLUENCE, SCHMIDT AND THORN WILL OPPOSE ANY
MOVE TO ENLARGE, AND THEREBY WEAKEN AND DIVIDE FURTHER,
THE EC.FARKAS

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